

is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Gospel Lesson: Luke 23:33-43

³³ When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. [[³⁴Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."]] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵ And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" ³⁶ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, ³⁷ and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁸ There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." ³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?" ⁴¹ And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴² Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³ He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

This is the Word of the Lord

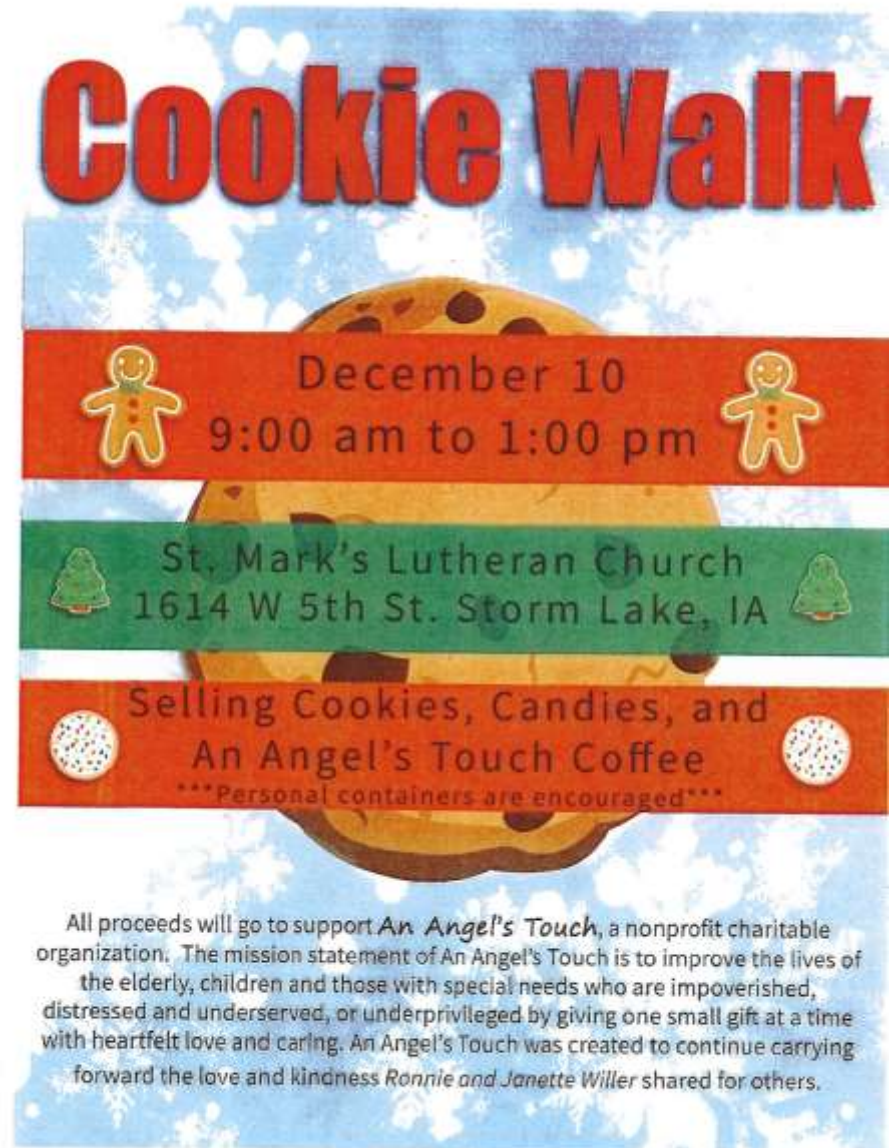
Thanks be to God. Amen.

CHILDRENS TIME

HYMN "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" #183

SERMON

*APOSTLE'S CREED

A colorful poster for a 'Cookie Walk' event. The title 'Cookie Walk' is in large, bold, red letters at the top. Below it is a large illustration of a chocolate chip cookie. The event details are presented in three horizontal bands: a red band with gingerbread men icons for the date and time, a green band with Christmas tree icons for the location, and another red band with cookie icons for the items being sold and a note about containers. At the bottom, there is a paragraph of text explaining the purpose of the event.

Cookie Walk

December 10
9:00 am to 1:00 pm

St. Mark's Lutheran Church
1614 W 5th St. Storm Lake, IA

Selling Cookies, Candies, and
An Angel's Touch Coffee
Personal containers are encouraged

All proceeds will go to support *An Angel's Touch*, a nonprofit charitable organization. The mission statement of *An Angel's Touch* is to improve the lives of the elderly, children and those with special needs who are impoverished, distressed and underserved, or underprivileged by giving one small gift at a time with heartfelt love and caring. *An Angel's Touch* was created to continue carrying forward the love and kindness *Ronnie and Janette Willer* shared for others.

NEW JOYS & CONCERNS:

The Bev Sassman Smith Family
Joyce Currie
(Knee surgery on November 21st)

CONTINUING JOYS AND CONCERNS:

Cindy Joens (Home)
Dave Thayer (Cancer)
(Diane King’s Brother)
Ryan McDonough & Family
Mark Siebrecht & Family
Kirk Langner
Tom McDonough & Family
Malia Meyer
Richard Robinson (Stroke)
Jim Robinson (Heart Valve)
Marilyn King
Doug O’Bannon (Liver)
Shari O’Bannon
Dexter Meseck
Andy Beckord
Carissa King (Mission Work in Guatemala)
Hazel Snyder
Brenda Segebart
School

PRAYERS FOR CHURCHES

Sunday, November 20

Pray for the Presbytery Staff:
Rev. Dr. Annika Lister Stroope, Administrative Executive & Stated Clerk RE
Amgad Beblawi, Mission Executive
Rev. Ian McMullen, Pastor to the Presbyteries
Jeannie Stolee, Office Manager

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Prayers of Intercession

The Lord’s Prayer

Congregational Response #421 (Verse 1)

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY #625

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN “Jesus Shall Reign” #231

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION SONG “Freely, Freely” (V. 1) #447

*EXTINGUISHING OF CANDLES

*POSTLUDE

(*Those who are able please stand.)

2022 PER CAPITA 2022 Per Capita amount is \$42.48. It is a very important way we can contribute to the operation and mission of the Presbyterian Church. Session encourages all members to contribute. Please mark your check “Per Capita”.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 2022

20	Sunday	9:00 am	Sunday School Classes
		10:00 am	In-Person Worship in Sanctuary (Masks are optional)
21	Monday	7:00 pm	Session Meeting
23	Wednesday		NO PURPLE GANG
24	Thursday		No Online Devotional Happy Thanksgiving
27	Sunday	9:00 am	Sunday School Classes
		10:00 am	In-Person Worship in Sanctuary (Masks are optional)



THE GIVING TREE

We have tags this year and we need your help! All you have to do is pick a tag, get a gift and return the gift with the tag attached! It can be wrapped or bagged! All gifts must be brought back to the church by Sunday, December 11th. Let's spread some Holiday Cheer this year!!



SHARE THE WARMTH

The snowman is waiting for your gifts of warmth, which includes warm clothing items such as pajamas, as mittens, caps underwear, scarves, and boots to keep others warm. In all sizes. Please have all your gifts of warmth at the church no later than Sunday, December

11th.

2022 CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING –

November 27th thru December 18th

THE PERFECT GIFT

When Jesus was born among us, he came as a helpless baby destined to bring joy, peace and salvation to his people. This child, God's Word made flesh — fully human and fully God — became one of us. One with us. One among us. In all of our vulnerabilities, struggles and triumphs, Jesus became one of us — leading us, knowing us, connecting us to himself and to each other, and offering us his gift of eternal life.

The perfect gift.

Through the Christmas Joy Offering, we reflect God's perfect gift to us, with generous support of church leaders among us — past, present and future — who have pointed us to God.

We honor and celebrate leaders like retired pastors, church workers and their families who have faithfully guided and led us but who now find themselves in critical financial need. We honor and celebrate emerging leaders like students in schools and colleges equipping communities of color, who develop leadership skills as they pursue their education and prepare to bring their gifts in service to the world God loves so much.

Jesus' example as a child born to be among us and lead us to eternal life provides a pattern for us to follow as we celebrate those who have led us in the past and will lead us into the future. Through the Christmas Joy Offering, we come together to support past, present and future leaders, embodying God's perfect gift to us, Jesus Christ.



Christmas Joy Offering envelopes will be found in the pew pockets throughout the season of Advent to put your donation in or please mark your check "JOY". Please give generously.



PURPLE GANG

Purple Gang meets on Wednesdays from 3:30-5:30 p.m. for grades K-5th.

We are thrilled to give your children an opportunity to talk, eat, and play with their friends outside of a school setting. We will

maintain our policy of cancelling a Purple Gang event if the school closes due to weather or illness.

SERVERS FOR PURPLE GANG

NOVEMBER 30TH

Cathy McDonough

December 7th

December 14th

Jackie Mentzer



Poinsettias

Please help provide our church with a festive look by sharing poinsettias for the season.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

November 27th

Adam & Melanie Pyle

December 4th

Richard & Florene Cork

December 11th

Bruce & Jackie Mentzer

December 18th

Mark & Sam McDonough

December 24th

John & Brenna Franken

Household Prayers

Morning:

God of the new day, at the dawning of the first day you spoke creation into being and declared it good. You crafted each flower and vegetable and bird of the air and beast of the land, and there at all of it was Jesus the Christ. We give thanks for the dawning of this day and pray we might know your holy triune presence in all we see and do. Guard our hearts, minds, spirits, and bodies that we, too, might sing the goodness of creation and remember your call to be good stewards of it all. Amen.

Evening:

Ever-present God, even on that dark day, in that dark place called the Skull, you were present to the suffering and those in pain. Be present to the suffering on this night, too, and rain down mercy and justice upon your beloved creation. Be with us and those we love this night, and bring us through to the dawning of a new day filled with righteousness, love, and peace. Amen.
